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AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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1. GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS TO DATE REFRAINED FROM OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT OF REGRETS ON INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, LIMITING ITSELF SO FAR TO PRESS GUIDANCE REPORTED REFTEL. NOR HAS PRESS REPORTED ON FRG GOVERNMENT VIEWS.

2. WEEKEND PRESS DOES CARRY REPORT THAT CDU/CSU OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE DEMANDED THAT THE FRG REVIEW ITS POLICY OF DEVELOPMENT AID FOR INDIA IN VIEW OF THE ATOMIC TEST. CDU/CSU SPOKESMAN TODENHOEFER DECLARED THAT DEVELOPMENT AID SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS BUT THAT, "IN THE INDIAN CASE, IT MUST BE ASKED WHETHER ECONOMIC HELP MAKES ANY SENSE IF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY USES ITS OWN ECONOMIC RESOURCES IN SUCH AN UNECONOMIC WAY."

3. ACCORDING TO DIE WELT, THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTRY COMMENTED ON THE CDU/CSU STATEMENT BY SAYING THE OPPOSITION HAD THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE DUTY "NOT TO AWAKEN THE IMPRESSION OF LECTURING TO A GREAT NATION." THE AID MINISTRY'S STATEMENT ADDED THAT MINISTER EPPLER WOULD MEET WITH STATE SECRETARY KAUL OF THE INDIAN FINANCE MINISTRY MAY 28, AT WHICH TIME "THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ATOMIC TEST WOULD BE DISCUSSED."

4. FONOFF OFFICIAL CONTACTED EMBOFF MAY 28 TO INQUIRE WHETHER U.S. SEISMOLOGICAL EXPERTS HAD MADE A STATEMENT REGARDING THE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. HE SAID BONN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OF THIS KIND THAT IS AVAILABLE. FONOFF REP ALSO STATED THAT FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE U.S. POSITION ON AND INTENTIONS REGARDING THE INDIAN EXPLOSION AND NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY. THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN LONDON ALSO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT THE BRITISH ON THESE ISSUES. BONN WILL DEFER A BROAD PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE INDIAN TEST PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND UK.  
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